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For: LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND 37 CFR 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The document(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding **Japanese** application. A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese patent application has commented as follows:

1. Regarding Claims 1 through 7, 9

Cited Literature: 1

Remarks:

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An invention identical to the one in Claims 1 through 7 and 9 of the present application is described in the initial specifications and figures of the application below. (Refer to Figures 1 and 3, as well as the related explanations.)

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Patent Application H10-290732 (Refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-122071.)

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Please note that in (Figure 1) of the present application, "the TFT side transparent pixel electrode 205" is completely detached from "pixel electrode 217" and not connected electrically. This holds true for (Figure 5), (Figure 6) and (Figure 7) as well.

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched IPC 7th Edition G02F 1/1368
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Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
H8-334787

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
H10-153797

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
H5-66410

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication
H10-96955

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Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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